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Art Unit: 3764

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For: PROSTHESIS AND METHOD OF MAKING A  
PROSTHESIS HAVING AN EXTERNAL  
SUPPORT STRUCTURE

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated March 25, 2004, finally rejecting claims 1-3, 5-9 and 12-21, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.

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